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Mr. Zaffar Eusuff, Program Manager
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Via: email

RE: DRAFT 2014 DROUGHT GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

On behalf of the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM region and the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) and its Project Proponents, I would like to thank you and your department for a thorough review of the numerous Emergency Drought Grant Applications submitted for your consideration. We are extremely pleased to be recommended for funding and are anxious to move forward with the high priority water supply projects that were included in our proposal. Implementation of the projects will address the highest priority water supply challenges facing the region and will help ensure a safe and reliable drinking water supply to the Disadvantaged Community of Watsonville.

As presented at the public comment meeting, DWR attempted to fund proposals in the most drought impacted areas of the state and, in general, funded 100-percent of the highest scoring proposals in each funding area up to the maximum available to each funding area. PVWMA and the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM region support this rationale.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to develop and submit the additional documentation required for final grant agreement. Thank you for considering this comment letter, and for recommending funding to the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM region.

Sincerely,
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Mary Bannister
General Manager